

LATEST FROM SAMOA.

Peace Still Deferred—Arrival of British Admiral Fairfax with Two Ships—Indignity to the Stars and Stripes—America and England Neutral—Their Representatives Exerting Good Influence.

A private letter from Apia, dated Oct. 9th, says:

"War, if it can be so-called, still continues in Samoa. Malletto's still has possession of all parts of Savaii and Upolu except Mulinun Point and a few little towns—Lotuanun, Solosolo and Salafata. These towns Malletto does not attack, preferring to obtain their voluntary submission, which they are now negotiating.

"The people from Satupaita (whose town was burned by the Germans last year), landed in Aana and burned the house of every person who was absent on Mulinun with Tamasese. Mulinun is blockaded and without aid from the D. H. & P. it would have surrendered long since. The people there are living on biscuits and rice, and of course mortgaging their lands to pay.

"Admiral Fairfax is here in the Calliope, and although he takes no side his sympathies are wholly with Malletto. Malletto's headquarters are in Patu's Falelele, next the stone church where Toe lived.

A private letter from an officer of the U. S. S. Adams refers to Samoan papers sent, and says:

"The only other item of interest since the publication of the papers is that the property of an American citizen has been invaded by some of Tamasese's people; he has been threatened with loaded muskets, and an American flag which he had was cut up with their knives. * * The coal we ordered two and a half or three months ago only arrived here a day or two ago. * * I doubt if we get to San Francisco before January, 1889."

Two sets of Samoan papers have been kindly tendered us by the recipients of the letters above quoted from. They are printed at Apia. The first is the Samoa Times Extraordinary, preceding the regular issue of the Times and bearing date September 15th. This gives news already published here in substance on the arrival of the Calliope last month. It tells of Captain Leary of the Adams having advised the new King Malletto that, while he had no intention of interfering with native quarrels, "in no case whatever must the lives of the foreign residents be meddled with, for should such unfortunately occur he would be compelled to make reprisals." The paper says that "the natives seemed highly pleased with Captain Leary and wished to give him military honors, which Capt. Leary, however, declined."

An account of the death and burial of Captain Bisset of the British schooner Vindex closes with the words: "There remains no doubt in the minds of the white population of the town that Capt. Bisset met his death solely by accident. By which party the bullet was fired it is impossible to tell."

Vol. I, No. 1, of the Samoa Times is dated September 29, introducing itself in a very judiciously written salutation, which calls upon "the three Powers to come to a satisfactory understanding that would stop further loss of life. It contains the proclamation of Malletto as King under the title H. R. H. Malletto Te'otoa Malletto, also a letter signed by some thirty-seven chiefs of Apia, Tamsaaga, Manua, Aana and Savaii islands—to the three Consuls, American, British and German, notifying them of the popular election of a ruler, and concluding:

"We, the whole of Samoa, have agreed upon this matter, and we have decided that prosperity and peace shall be permanent in Samoa. Our desire and wish in these days is that we could select three gentlemen of the Great Powers to direct and advise us in our present Government."

The paper says that "since the fight of September 12th both parties have been adding to their numbers. Tamasese and his army confining themselves strictly to Mulinun Point, which point is occupied by marines from H. I. G. M. S. Adler, and of course sale from any attempt being made on it by Malletto's men." Then follows an account of a boat skirmish, in which four of Tamasese's men were laid out—two dying immediately and the other two the same night.

In contrast with the war news there is the account of a missionary meeting in the Foreign Church, Apia, Sunday evening, 18th September, when, after the sermon by Rev. J. Hills, Captain Tobie of the missionary bark John Williams introduced to the congregation several native teachers and their wives from Rorotonga, Tahiti, and adjacent islands. They were going to carry the gospel to the natives of New Guinea, where several of them had friends who had written to these people to come over and help them in the great work of evangelizing the natives of that continent.

The next and latest number of the Times is dated October 6th. It denounces the dastardly conduct of Tamasese men in shooting at, killing one and wounding two, native women who were catching shell fish on the mud flats within gun range of Mulinun Point. Malletto's party had been badly engaged in wa ching messengers from the enemy's camp coming for supplies to the retail store of the German firm. They succeeded in capturing all stores attempted to be transported, much to the annoyance of Mr. Beatham the store-keeper.

The British warship Calliope and Lizard arrived in port from Tonga on the previous Tuesday. Two to three thousand of Malletto's men flocked into town without arms to see the "lone," leaving their rifles and ammunition at Manana. The sound of shots firing in that direction caused a panic rush of these men, under the impression that Tamasese's men had attempted to steal a march upon their camp in their absence. It turned out that the firing was by their own people upon provision boats of Tamasese, which, however, were out of range.

A letter on the situation sharply criticizes the German refusal to join in making the territory round Apia neutral, and holds that Germany would have no just cause for redress if Malletto's men attacked Tamasese's stronghold even with his partly German garrison. The writer says: "Now that there is a British Admiral here it is to be hoped that he will succeed in making such arrangement as to prevent any recurrence of the events of the last three weeks."

The United States Vice-Consul W.

Blacklock had replied to Malletto's letter notifying the Consuls of his election. He deprecated the internal strife among the native people, but said that "in the choice of your Highness, Malletto Matakia, by the people of Samoa to be their future King, I think the wish of the three Powers has been carried out; and I can see, I think, peace and prosperity in store for Samoa after the present civil war is brought to a close and the Highness recognized by the three Powers as King of Samoa, which, I trust, may be done without the loss of any more of your people."

The British Consul, H. de Coetlogan, replied briefly to the King. He stated that in a conference with the Imperial German Consul, the latter had given him his assurance that the Tamasese party would strictly adhere to the proposed arrangements for neutral territory provided Malletto's party did the same. He regretted that stringent orders of his Government to observe neutrality rendered it impossible for him to answer further the correspondence received up to that date.

A consultation had taken place between the German Consul and Malletto regarding depredations by the latter's people upon German settlers' pigs, bananas, etc. The Consul requested the withdrawal of the men from the molested locality, and the roads to be kept clear, or he should ask the Captain of the Adler to enforce the request. Malletto replied in a letter, promising that the men should be removed, "because I am afraid that something may happen which may bring trouble upon me from the German Government, as there is a difference between me and my people to show fight against the German Government." The paper adds with pleasure that the German request had been complied with.

A cricket match was announced for that afternoon between a team from the British warships and a shore team.

The death of Mrs. Ruge, a very highly esteemed lady, is announced. The whole paper is most creditably given up to be issued in such a small English-speaking constituency.

THE SAMOAN TROUBLE.

Firm Action by the United States Feels Necessary in Washington to Preserve the Autonomy of the Kingdom.

The following Washington dispatch of Oct. 23 gives additional information on the Samoan question to that contained in our San Francisco letter:

The Samoan question has reached a point that makes its satisfactory settlement a matter of very great concern to the United States, and the most careful attention is now being paid to it by our Government. President Cleveland has recently taken hold of the subject, and there is reason to believe that it will soon be laid before the Cabinet for consideration.

The recent course of Germany in seizing and carrying off the Samoan King and setting up an insurgent in his place, certainly appears to be in flagrant violation of the agreement between that government and Great Britain and the United States, that the autonomy of the Samoan islands shall not be disturbed. The Samoans have revolted against the King set up by the Germans, and have him and his party cooped up in the capital.

It is easy to see that complications more or less serious than any that have gone before, may follow the present situation, and there is a strong feeling here that it is time for the United States to take decisive steps toward curbing Germany's aggressions.

The continued independence and neutrality of the Samoan islands are of high importance to this Government especially, because the islands lie practically in the track of all vessels using either of the projected isthmian canals.

Opinion is divided as to the best course for this Government to adopt; but from what can be learned in State Department circles, a movement of some kind may be expected soon, and it will not be in the direction of consenting to any further aggressive violations of Germany's agreement.

Naval Notes.

The U. S. S. Juniata, Captain W. C. Wise, from Nagasaki 17th, arrived at Hongkong on the 22d September homeward bound.

The U. S. flagship Marion was at Yokohama October 8th, the Omaha being at Shanghai, and the Palos en route to Tientsin.

The Japan Herald criticizes the British Admiralty for keeping men and officers out on foreign stations beyond their proper time. It contrasts this course with that pursued in the American navy, instancing the case of the Marion and Omaha, commissioned in 1885 and already having received their relief crews.

The standing squadron of Japan consists of eight, and the reserve of twenty-one vessels. Three are now building in Japan, two approaching completion in France, and one ordered from England. As out of these thirty-five, only twenty-three or twenty-four can be called upon, it has been decided to build twenty-five ships in the next five years.

The British fleet, ten in number, entered Yokohama harbor on October 2d, led by the Imperieuse and protecting a fine appearance. They were shortly to scatter to various ports.

Admiral Porter.

Admiral David D. Porter, who is now 73 years old, is said to be quite ill, and it is possible that he may not recover. For 30 years there have been Porters in the United States Navy, and they have played no small part there. The Admiral's father—Porter of the Essex—fought with British, French, Peruvians, Tripolitans and West India pirates while in the service, and cleared out the British whaling fleet in the Pacific during the War of 1812 as thoroughly as 8-mimes did ours against the Mexicans, at the head of those were the only foreign foes he ever met, his laurels having been gained on our own Western waters in conflicts with American enemies who were not inferior in gallantry to any of the foreigners his father fought. —[Chicago Tribune.]

The Argentine Pacific Railroad, which starts at Buenos Ayres, has the longest tangent in the world—211 miles, without a curve or a bridge.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

San Francisco, October 9, per S. S. Australia.

Cholera is dying out in China. Small-pox is spreading at Toronto. Sir Anthony Musgrave, Governor of Queensland, is dead.

Eighty cases of dynamite exploded on the wharf at Carthage, Spain.

Mortimer Sackville West, first Baron of Sackville, is dead, aged 68 years.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt at Albany, N. Y., on September 26.

At Chicago all the street car employees are on strike, and there is a general tie-up.

At the newly discovered mines at Dolgelly, Wales, the yield of gold averages 5½ ounces to the ton.

Gibb Ross, a ship owner and lumber merchant of Quebec, who was worth \$10,000,000, is dead.

The French grain harvest amounted to 96,000,000 hectolitres, being 12,000,000 less than the annual average.

Valparaiso advises to September 17th state that shipping was terribly damaged in the harbor by the great northern gale.

At Manchester it has been agreed that 250,000 miners shall go on strike, on October 29th, unless an advance of 10 per cent. in wages is agreed to.

The International bank of Berlin has been founded with a capital of \$5,000,000. It absorbs Goldberger's banking business without taking his liabilities.

At Chicago the furniture factory of Wilkins & Co., on Lake street, was burned. Two bodies of employees were recovered from the ruins. The loss on stock is \$60,000.

Great loss of life is reported by floods at Monken and in Manchuria in Japan.

The hurricane that swept the Japanese coast was followed by floods that have seriously injured the rice fields in several districts.

Russia has granted an annual subsidy of 1,110,000 rubles to a private firm for a steamship line between Russian ports on the Pacific and Korea, Japan and China.

In case of war the steamers shall be at the disposal of the government.

Two severe shocks of earthquake were felt at Guayaquil on the same night, followed by lightning. At the same time a sharp shock was felt at Helena, Ecuador.

A violent earthquake also occurred simultaneously in the Persian gulf.

A fire in the south hall of Berkeley University was promptly extinguished. It originated in the first floor in a part of the chemical laboratory. One of the large desks in the room was burned up, and the room was well smoked. The origin of the fire is ascribed to chemicals.

Mrs. Huldah Rockwell, of Westville, Conn., better known as Granny Rockwell, who in her early days was one of New England's prominent Methodist exhorters and also cook in a tavern at Green Farms, kept by Aaron Burr, died recently, aged 95 years. She never had a ride on a railroad.

At Chicago one of the severest storms for years was experienced on the lakes as far east as Lake Erie, on October 1st. Fears are entertained that many vessels were wrecked. The lake was so rough that no vessel dared leave port. A cold rain with traces of snow, driven by a northern gale, made the weather most disagreeable.

At St. Louis 21,000 miners are on strike against the Coal Trust, known as the St. Louis Consolidated Coal Company. The miners demanded 2½ cents per bushel net weight for mining coal, which would be one-half a cent per bushel above the price now paid. A number of the operators of hard mine pits have partially acceded to the request of the miners and raised their wages to two cents per bushel, railroad weight.

At Sanilac, Mich., there has been a terrible storm raging. At 7 o'clock at night the life-saving crew from Sand Beach started out, and at 11 p. m. rescued a crew of six men and one woman from the barge St. Clair. As the boat passed the end of the dock on the return a high breaker struck it throwing it completely over. The entire crew belonging to the boat reached the shore, towing two of the other crew with them. The remainder, four men and the woman, were drowned.

On August 11th, at Valparaiso, an artificial pond, 800 feet above the level of the city, burst, flooding the Valley of Yungai and several streets. The flood came down in irresistible torrents, sweeping everything before it, bringing down rocks and trunks of trees. The stream came rushing through the street of San Juan de Dios in a wave twelve feet high, shops were deluged and their contents destroyed; houses were swept away and their inhabitants drowned or bruised to death. Fifty-seven bodies have been already buried. Three hundred thousand dollars have been voted by Congress to relieve the sufferers and the new hospital wards have been opened to shelter the houseless.

Police Court.

MONDAY, Oct. 15.

J. R. Robertson, assault and battery with a weapon, depravity and immorality dangerous to life upon one Louis Magoni at Waikeke on the 13th inst. V. V. Ashford for defendant. Continued till moved on by the prosecution.

A. Kaufman, Wm. Hoonan, Kaiwi, Wm. Morris, James Smith, Peukalani, drunk, \$5 each.

Meo Hin, from the 9th inst., assault and battery on Health officers Reynolds and Kus, \$11 40. Appeal noted.

I. blasphemy, forfeits bail \$5.

Kahanawale, assault and battery on Kamaoka (w.), \$11.

Clement D. Agrella, furious and heedless riding, \$5 20.

Andrew Davis, assault and battery on Bistaro, forfeits bail \$25.

TUESDAY, Oct. 16.

Geo. Piliolo, Jim Crow, Annie Hilo, Kaloobolo, Antonio Santos, drunk, \$5 each.

James Stewart, assault with a knife on Wainin Jones on board the ship Cookermouth, \$31 40 and six months' hard labor.

John Shaw forfeits \$10 bail; W. Tison, Geo. Harrison and Geo. Ward are fined \$5 90 each, for disturbing quiet of the night.

Peter Quinn, assault and battery. \$6. Several defendants are discharged.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 17.

John Dias, Chisel, John McMahon, drunk, \$5 each.

A. Kennedy, possession of 60 tins of

opium, remanded to the 18th. J. A. Magoon for defendant.

CIVIL CASES.

Daniel the Second, deserting service Wilder's S. S. Co., ordered to return and pay costs \$3.

A. R. Rowat vs. Geo. S. Houghtailing. Chas. Creighton for plaintiff; W. H. Sea for defendant. Assumpsit for services, \$19 50. Partly heard and continued to the 19th inst.

Mele Lee Sun vs. S. W. Mahelona. Creighton and Kaeo for plaintiff; S. K. Kane for defendant. Action on a judgment. Evidence heard and case continued for judgment.

THURSDAY, Oct. 18th.

Kolli and C. H. Gillin, drunk, \$6 each. All other cases continued.

FRIDAY, Oct. 20.

Mahoe, Wahine, Thos. Rule, John Kenney, Pili Kanua, drunk, \$6 each.

CIVIL CASES.

Piliua (w.) vs. Keaka (w.). Judgment for plaintiff for \$7 claim and costs \$11.35.

J. Emmeluth & Co. vs. Owen Holt, Jr. Claim for \$38 and interest \$11.10. Judgment for plaintiffs for \$57.36.

A. R. Rowat vs. Geo. S. Houghtailing. Continued hearing from 17th. Judgment for plaintiff for \$23.75. Appeal noted.

Chas. Klemme vs. A. Kennedy. From 17th. Judgment for plaintiff for \$20.95. Appeal noted.

SATURDAY, Oct. 20th.

G. W. Johnson, C. Sullivan, drunk, \$6 each.

F. Dickerman and H. Wolters, affray. The former is discharged, and Wolters pleading guilty is fined \$8.10.

Robert Waiialeale and Abanua, manslaughter in killing Yong Fat at Kaneohe. W. R. Castle and J. A. Magoon assisting the prosecution; J. L. Kauilukou for the defendants. Defendants waive examination and stand committed to the Supreme Court for trial; to be enlarged on bail of \$2,000 each.

A. Kennedy, opium in possession. J. A. Magoon for defendant. Found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and costs \$2.20, and be imprisoned one month at hard labor. Appeal noted.

Frederick Ward, smuggling opium, remanded to the 22d.

R. N. Cowes, same charge. The Attorney-General remarked that the arrest of Mr. Cowes had been made under a misapprehension of facts, and that he was satisfied, after a full investigation of the circumstances of the case, that Mr. Cowes had not been in any way concerned in the introduction of the opium in question, therefore, with great personal regret for the annoyance to Mr. Cowes springing from the arrest he asked leave to enter a nolle prosequi, which leave was granted and the defendant released from custody.

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